

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**MERLIN LKENT WILLIAMS, also  
known as Merlin Kent Williams**

**PETITIONER**

**v.**

**CAUSE NO. 1:20cv286-LG-RPM**

**BURL CAIN, Commissioner**

**RESPONDENT**

**ORDER**

Upon consideration of the [41] Motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* on appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit filed by the petitioner in the above-entitled action, the court notes that the petitioner failed to complete the appropriate application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED:

1. That within fifteen days of the entry of this order, petitioner shall file a completed application for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* on appeal or pay the required appeal filing fee of \$505.

2. The Clerk shall mail the attached *in forma pauperis* application to the petitioner at his last known address.

Failure to advise this court of a change of address or failure to comply with any order of this court will be deemed as a purposeful delay and contumacious act by the petitioner and may result in the denial of *in forma pauperis* status or the dismissal of this appeal.

**SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** this the 27th day of June, 2022.

s/ *Louis Guirola, Jr.*

Louis Guirola, Jr.  
United States District Judge

**Form 4 of Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
\_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION

Plaintiff

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

APPEAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant

**MOTION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare that I am the plaintiff in the above-entitled proceeding; that in support of my request to proceed without prepayment of fees or costs under 28 U.S.C. § 1915 I declare that I am unable to pay the costs of these proceedings and that I am entitled to the relief sought in the complaint.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Complete all questions in this application and then sign it. Do not leave any blanks: if the answer to a question is "0," "none," or "not applicable (N/A)," write in that response. If you need more space to answer a question or to explain your answer, attach a separate sheet of paper identified with you name, your case's docket number, and the question number.

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF MOTION**

I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that, because of my poverty, I cannot prepay the docket fees of my appeal or post a bond for them. I believe I am entitled to redress. I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury under United States laws that my answers on this form are true and correct. (28 U.S.C. §1746; 18 U.S.C. §1621)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

My issues on appeal are:

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1. For both you and your spouse estimate the average amount of money received from each of the following sources during the past 12 months. Adjust any amount that was received weekly, biweekly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually to show the monthly rate. Use gross amounts, that is, amounts before any deductions for taxes or otherwise.

Income source:	Average monthly amount during the past 12 months	Amount expected next month
	You	You
Employment	\$ _____	\$ _____
Self-employment	\$ _____	\$ _____
Income from real property such as rental income)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Interest and dividends	\$ _____	\$ _____
Gifts	\$ _____	\$ _____
Alimony	\$ _____	\$ _____
Child support	\$ _____	\$ _____
Retirement (such as social security pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Disability (such as social security insurance payments)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Unemployment payments	\$ _____	\$ _____
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other (specify): _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total monthly income:	\$ _____	\$ _____

2. List your employment history, most recent employer first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

EMPLOYER	ADDRESS	DATES OF EMPLOYMENT	GROSS MONTHLY PAY

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3.

List your spouse's employment history, most recent employer first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

EMPLOYER	ADDRESS	DATES OF EMPLOYMENT	GROSS MONTHLY PAY

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	TYPE OF ACCOUNT	AMOUNT YOU HAVE	AMOUNT YOUR SPOUSE HAS

**If you are a prisoner, you must attach a statement certified by the appropriate institutional officer showing all receipts, expenditures, and balances during the last six months in your institutional accounts. If you have multiple accounts, perhaps because you have been in multiple institutions, attach one certified statement of each account.**

5. List the assets, and their values, which you own or your spouse owns. Do not list clothing and ordinary household furnishings.

HOME (VALUE)	OTHER REAL ESTATE (VALUE)	OTHER ASSETS (VALUE)

MOTOR VEHICLE # 1

VALUE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE &amp; YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION #: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTOR VEHICLE # 2

VALUE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE &amp; YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION #: \_\_\_\_\_

6. State every person, business, or organization owing you or your spouse money, and the amount owed.

PERSON OWING YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE MONEY	AMOUNT OWED TO YOU	AMOUNT OWED TO YOUR SPOUSE

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support.

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	AGE

8. Estimate the average monthly expenses of you and your family. Show separately the amounts paid by your spouse. Adjust any payments that are made weekly, biweekly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually to show the monthly rate.

	You	Your Spouse
Rent or home-mortgage payment (include lot rented for mobile home)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Are real-estate taxes included?	[ ] Yes [ ] No	
Is property insurance included?	[ ] Yes [ ] No	
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and Telephone)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Food	\$ _____	\$ _____
Clothing	\$ _____	\$ _____
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ _____	\$ _____
Medical and dental expenses	\$ _____	\$ _____
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ _____	\$ _____
Insurance (not deducted from wages or	\$ _____	\$ _____

included in Mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ _____	\$ _____
Life	\$ _____	\$ _____
Health	\$ _____	\$ _____
Motor Vehicle	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in Mortgage payments) (specify): _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Installment payments	\$ _____	\$ _____
Motor Vehicle	\$ _____	\$ _____
Credit card (name): _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Department store (name): _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ _____	\$ _____
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other (specify): _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total monthly expenses:	\$ _____	\$ _____

9. Do you expect any major changes to your monthly income or expenses or in your assets or liabilities during the next 12 months?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, describe on an attached sheet.

10. Have you spent--or will you be spending-- any money for expenses or attorney fees in connection with this lawsuit? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how much? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

11. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the docket fees for your appeal.

12. State the city and state of your legal residence.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your daytime phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your age: \_\_\_\_\_ Your years of schooling: \_\_\_\_\_

Last four digits of your social-security number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed under penalty of perjury: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-----MUST BE COMPLETED BY PLAINTIFF-----  
Authorization for Release of Institutional Account Information and  
Payment of the Appeal Filing Fee

I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Plaintiff) (Prisoner Number)  
authorize the Clerk of Court to obtain, from the agency having custody of my person,  
information about my institutional account, including balances, deposits and withdrawals. The  
Clerk of Court may obtain my account information from the past six months and in the future,  
until the appeal filing fee is paid. I also authorize the agency having custody of my person to  
withdraw funds from my account and forward payments to the Clerk of Court, in accord with 28  
U.S.C. Section 1915.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Plaintiff)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

IT IS PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE THE APPROPRIATE PRISON  
OFFICIAL COMPLETE AND CERTIFY THE CERTIFICATE BELOW

CERTIFICATE TO BE COMPLETED BY AUTHORIZED OFFICER  
(Prisoner Accounts Only)

I certify that the applicant named herein has the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
on account to his credit at the \_\_\_\_\_ institution where he is  
confined. I further certify that the applicant likewise has the following securities to his credit  
according to the records of said institution:

I further certify that during the last six (6) months the  
plaintiff's average monthly **balance** was \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

I further certify that during the last six (6) months the  
plaintiff's average monthly **deposit** was \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE NUMBER  
OF OFFICER FOR VERIFICATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
AUTHORIZED OFFICER OF INSTITUTION

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:  
U. S. DISTRICT CLERK  
501 E. Court Street, Suite 2.500  
Jackson, Mississippi 39201